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✓ Born December 6, 1873, in New York City, on the lower East Side, the daughter of Charles and Salome Muller Eisleitner.

Attended by a midwife who failed to register her birth.

✓ Note that Jane Gibson has stated on the witness stand that she was born in the South; also that her maiden name is Leitner.

During her earlier girlhood she left home for many years at a time, failing to communicate with her parents.

She became incorrigible when quite young and would do anything for money.

For some reason she has always attempted to hide the place of her birth.

A Mr. Lewis C. McClurg, 333 Spring Street, Trenton, N.J., real-estate agent of property formerly occupied by Jane Gibson, states she once told him one of her parents was French and one German and that she was born on a Spanish ship.

✓ At 17 she married Frederick Kesselring of Stirling, N.J., in Paterson on August 13, 1890, marriage being performed by Ferdinand Weiss, a Passaic County Justice of the Peace. It is said that this marriage was a forced one brought about by her pregnant condition.

From the time of her marriage until February 16, 1892 she lived with Kesselring in Paterson and on the last mentioned date moved to Jersey City.

June 13, 1894, they separated.

In 1895 and 1896 for some months she resided in N.Y. City. While with Kesselring she had two (2) still-born children.

✓ During October and November of 1896 she is charged by Kesselring in his divorce petition as having lived in adultery with Harry Ray as his wife of 602 First Street, Hoboken, N.J.

Kesselring also states that shortly after the marriage, while they lived in Jersey City Heights, Jane Gibson was constantly in the company of a Charles Johnson, a neighbor, and was in the habit of remaining away from home at nights. It was then that he began to question her fidelity.